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Josh Minges, Esquire
Hearing Examiner
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC d/b/a Spirit Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services, and for Flexible and Alternative Regulation
Docket No. 2014-276-C

Dear Mr. Minges:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC d/b/a Spirit Communications ("Spirit") and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services, and for Flexible and Alternative Regulation. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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